

LSC REPORT REVIEW – CHECKLIST FOR DOEs

Purpose:

This checklist provides guidance on how to assess the issues that resulted from the Local Stakeholder Consultation (LSC). DOEs must investigate these issues during validation and in particular during project site visits.

Review:

The DOE must read through the updated LSC report that was made public on the GS registry and identify the Forward Action Requests (FARs) raised in the LSC review document prepared by The Gold Standard.

An opinion on how these FARs have been addressed must be provided in the Validation Report. Action taken with respect to these FARs and the DOE's opinion will be assessed by The Gold Standard during the 8-week registration review period.

Checklist:

1. The DOE shall review the FARs in detail to check if any action was required by the DOE in accordance with what is mentioned in the LSC Review document.
2. The DOE shall validate the 'do no harm' assessment (DNHA) risk analysis and the scoring for the Sustainable Development (SD) Matrix based on both a desk review AND interviews of relevant local stakeholders during the validation site visit. The DOE shall also check whether the DNHA risk analysis and the scoring of the SD Matrix in the GS Passport are consistent with the final version presented in the approved LSC. If there are any changes in the assessment of safeguarding principles or scoring of SD indicators, then relevant justification should be provided in the GS Passport and the DOE should discuss these as part of the Validation Report. The DOE shall discuss the DNHA and the SD Matrix scoring and provide an opinion on how sensible they are in the Validation Report.
3. The DOE shall check to make sure that all indicators that scored (+) or (-) are discussed under the Sustainability Monitoring Plan (Section G) of the GS Passport. This must also be done for indicators that scored (0) after being neutralized with a mitigation measure. If the score of any indicator is different in the GS Passport than the LSC Report so that it no longer requires monitoring, then proper justification must be provided in the GS Passport and the DOE shall provide an opinion in the Validation Report.
4. The DOE shall check that due account has been made for all relevant comments raised during the Local Stakeholder Consultation, and that these have been appropriately integrated and discussed in the Sustainability Monitoring Plan (if applicable).
5. The DOE shall check whether the approved/selected methods of Continuous Input/Grievance Mechanism from the LSC Report have been implemented on site and discussed in the GS Passport.